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FREE CIVIL WAR SEMINAR

***1863: A YEAR OF DECISIONS***

JARMAN AUDITORIUM  
LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY  
FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

Saturday, February 16, 2013

## Schedule

Jarman Auditorium  
Longwood University  
Farmville, VA

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| 8:45 a.m.  | Doors open  |
| 9:10 a.m.  | Introduction by Dr. David Coles, Associate Professor<br>and Chair, Department of History, Political Science, and<br>Philosophy, Longwood University |
| 9:15 a.m.  | Frank O'Reilly<br><b>Chancellorsville</b>   |
| 10:15 a.m. | Robert Krick, Sr.<br><b>Smoothbore Volley that Doomed the Confederacy: The Mortal<br/>Wounding of Stonewall Jackson</b>                             |
| 11:15 a.m. | Dr. Charles D. Ross<br><b>Civil War Acoustic Shadows</b>  |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch   |
| 1:45 p.m.  | Troy Harman<br><b>Gettysburg: A Naturally Suitable Place for Battle</b>   |
| 2:45 p.m.  | John S. Heiser<br><b>Gettysburg: The Great Reunion of 1913</b>  |

**No reservations necessary.** Signs will be posted on the Longwood University Campus. For directions to the campus go to [www.longwood.edu](http://www.longwood.edu). For more information contact Dr. David Coles at 434.395.2220 or Patrick Schroeder at 434.352.8987, Ext. 232.

## Participants

### TROY HARMAN

Troy Harman has worked as a National Park Service Ranger since 1984. His assignments include Appomattox Court House National Historic Park (NHP), Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park (NMP), Independence NHP, Valley Forge NMP, Eisenhower National Historic Site (NHS), and since 1989 Gettysburg NMP. He also teaches in the history department at Harrisburg Area Community College and is working on a Ph.D. in history at Lehigh University. Troy received an M.A. from Shippensburg University, and a B.A. from Lynchburg College, both in history. He has published numerous articles and essays and presented his book, *Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg*, now in its sixth printing, in 18 states. He made, "Who's Who in America" 2012. Troy, wife Lisa, and 10 year old son Daniel live near Gettysburg.

### JOHN HEISER

Born and raised in Raleigh, NC, Heiser attended Needham Broughton Sr. High School, and Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, graduating in 1978 with a BA in American History. His National Park Service career began in 1976 as a seasonal employee at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park before moving to Gettysburg National Military Park in 1980. During his time at Gettysburg he has worked in Visitor Services, the Park Historian's office, the Structures Preservation Shop, and Division of Maintenance. In 1997, Heiser moved to the historian's position where he maintains the park web site, coordinates the park's library services, assists researchers, and provides battlefield programs. Outside of his park service career, he is probably best known for maps he produced for numerous books on Gettysburg including Morningside Bookshop's *Gettysburg Magazine* from 1989 to 2002 and several other histories of the war. From 1998 to 2009, he was the association's historian of the *Polar Bear Association of World War II*, an organization of veterans who served in the 339<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 85<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division from 1942 to 1945, and is currently working on a regimental history of that unit's service in World War II. He and his wife Carmen, a teacher at New Oxford Elementary School live in Gettysburg with "Eli", their happy Scottish Terrier, where he continues to pursue his interests in military history, music, and custom motorcycles while maintaining steadfast faith in the Baltimore Orioles baseball team.

### ROBERT K. KRICK

Robert K. Krick grew up in Northern California. He has lived and worked on east coast battlefields for more than four decades. For thirty years he was Chief Historian of Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park. Krick is the author of twenty books and more than two hundred published articles. His *Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain* (University of North Carolina Press, 1990) won three national awards, including the Douglas Southall Freeman Prize for Best Book in Southern History. Krick's *Conquering the Valley: Stonewall Jackson at Port Republic* (William Morrow & Co., 1996) was a main selection of the History Book Club and a selection of the Book of the Month Club. His latest book, from the University of Alabama Press (2007), is *Civil War Weather in Virginia*. During 2003-2006, Krick worked under contract on the National Museum of the Marine Corps, writing the words on the walls of that new museum.

### **FRANK A. O'REILLY**

Frank A. O'Reilly graduated from Washington & Lee University in 1987. He joined the National Park Service at the Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park, then worked briefly at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, before returning to Fredericksburg in 1990 as the permanent historian for the "Stonewall" Jackson Shrine. O'Reilly has also served as an historical consultant for the City of Fredericksburg. His latest book, *The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock*, received a 2003 nomination for the Pulitzer Prize in Letters and has received numerous awards. O'Reilly has written numerous articles on the Civil War and Mexican and has appeared in quite a few video documentaries, and lectured extensively on military history to audiences around the world.

### **CHARLES D. ROSS**

Charles D. Ross has been at Longwood since 1992, serving as Professor of Physics, Chair of the Department of Natural Sciences and currently as Dean of the Cook-Cole College. He was awarded a bachelor's degree in Nuclear Engineering, a master's degree in Engineering Physics and a doctorate in Materials Science from the University of Virginia. He won the Maria Bristow Starke Award for Faculty Excellence at Longwood in 2002. Along with colleagues at the University of Virginia, he was a co-author of a five million dollar National Science Foundation grant involving work on nanotechnology. Dr. Ross has written three books involving the role of science and engineering in military history. This work has led to appearances on *The History Channel*, *PBS*, *National Public Radio* and a consultancy with the FBI and LAPD. He is married with two children and lives in Farmville.

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